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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING     October 9, 2006**

**ALEXANDER COUNTY  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**    Larry G. Yoder, Chairman  
                  W. Darrell Robertson, Vice-Chairman  
                  Wesley E. Bolick  
                  W. Norris Kever

**ABSENT:**     William L. Hammer

**STAFF:**      Rick French, County Manager

**MEDIA:**      Micah Henry, The Taylorsville Times

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, October 9, 2006 in the Catawba Valley Community College / Alexander Center Multipurpose Room, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Yoder called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Andrew Miller, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and Victoria Marzean, student at Hiddenite Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bolick discussed the Christmas in Bethlehem events for 2006 including a dinner theater to be held November 24-26<sup>th</sup>, the lighting of the Bethlehem star on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Christmas drive-through on December 8-10, 2006. Commissioner Bolick made a motion to declare November 24<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> as Christmas in Bethlehem. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Chairman Yoder presented a letter addressed to Jeff Lineberger, Hydrorelicensing Manager for Duke Power, which requested Duke Power to provide public comment on the Concord and Kannapolis Inter-Basin Transfer request prior to the extended deadline of October 31, 2006.

Chairman Yoder made a motion to approve the letter and allow staff to forward the letter to Mr. Lineberger. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Keever seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **INDUSTRIAL UPDATE – LIBERTY RELOAD SERVICES**

David Icenhour, Economic Development Director, announced the completion of the Liberty Reload Services facility in the Alexander Industrial Park. He stated that the company had invested approximately \$1.4 million in the project and expected to provide 10 to 12 new jobs for the community. Mr. Icenhour presented several photos of the facility while explaining that the County had applied for and received an \$80,500 grant from the N.C. Department of Transportation to help fund the rail spur for Liberty Reload Services.

Mr. Icenhour thanked Alexander Railroad, EnergyUnited Water Corporation, and G.L. Wilson Company for their assistance with this project and he introduced Clay Lunsford and Maurice Lunsford from Liberty Reload Services.

Clay Lunsford thanked the Town and County governmental offices for their assistance as well as Alexander Railroad, EnergyUnited, and the Chamber of Commerce. He stated that he looked forward to serving Alexander County.

Maurice Lunsford, President & CEO, explained that Liberty Reload Services was a company that distributed lumber to the southeast from Europe, Canada, and the east coast. He stated that Liberty Reload Services expected usage of 400 rail cars per year and he mentioned that the company had signed a contract to also distribute a powder which would be used to make porcelain for toilets, light fixtures, etc. Mr. Lunsford also thanked everyone involved in the completion of this project.

Members of the Board thanked Liberty Reload Services for locating in Alexander County as well as Alexander Railroad, EnergyUnited, G.L. Wilson, and all those involved with this project.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present to speak during the Public Comment Period.

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT**

Rick French, County Manager, presented a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. He explained that the resolution was for the financing of the 911 Communications Project, renovation of the former Employment Security Commission for the new Elections Office, and renovations to the County Administration Building, all of which had already been completed or were underway. He stated that the Local Government Commission required approval of this resolution as well as a public hearing to consolidate action already taken by the Board.

Commissioner Kever made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #15 - #18**

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #15 - #18, which included the following information:

Budget Amendment #15 – To increase the Planning Department budget for an increase in the WPCOG comprehensive plan contract amount. To increase the Finance Department budget for professional fees associated with (1) conversion of financial statements to match new chart of accounts and (2) actuarial study required for other post-retirement benefits. To budget for professional liability insurance for the new dental clinic. To increase the budget for additional pandemic influenza training funds allocated to the Health Department. To increase the budget for a memorial gift for the purchase of library books. To increase the budget for a donation to purchase books and audiovisual materials for the Bethlehem Branch Library.

Budget Amendment #16 – To increase departmental budgets for group medical / dental / life insurance premiums higher than original estimates.

Budget Amendments #17 – To transfer funds from the General Fund for group medical / dental/ life insurance premiums higher than original estimates.

Budget Amendment #18 – To amend the project ordinance for the Homeland Security 2003 Grant Project due to funds received for development of Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #15 - #18. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**



Chairman Yoder presented the following appointments and reappointments to County boards and committees:

A. JOINT NURSING & ADULT CARE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reappoint Susie Barkley	2 years
Reappoint Max Smith	2 years
Reappoint Angela Johnson	3 years
Reappoint Phyllis Douglas	3 years

B. REGION E DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Reappoint Warren Hollar	3 years
Reappoint David Icenhour	

C. BUILDING SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reappoint Ryan Mayberry	1 year
Reappoint Clint Canaday	
Reappoint Larry Jenkins	
Reappoint Brent Fox	
Reappoint Mark Foy	
Reappoint Tony Lackey	
Reappoint David Land	
Reappoint Sylvia Turnmire	
Reappoint Lynn Teague	

D. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appoint Norris Keever, Commissioner	
Appoint Larry Yoder, Commissioner	
Appoint Eric Fritz, Planning & Zoning	
Appoint Coy Reese, Planning & Zoning	
Appoint Josh Lail, Board of Education	
Appoint Latt Moretz, Bethlehem / Wittenburg	
Appoint Troy Mays, Ellendale / Little River / Sugar Loaf	
Appoint Dale Martin, Sharpes / Gwaltney	
Appoint John Watts, Taylorsville / Millers	
Appoint Phil Icard, Commercial / Industrial	
Appoint Jennifer Martin, Real Estate / Development	

Chairman Yoder made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments as presented. Commissioner Keever seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the following issues during Other Business:

- A. The Open House for the Alexander County Library Bethlehem Branch will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2006 from 2:00-4:00 PM and the ribbon cutting will take place around 2:00 PM. The library will be open for business on Monday, October 23, 2006.
- B. The "free day" at the landfill and convenience sites is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Flyers will be handed out at convenience sites next week to remind citizens of this event.
- C. Mr. French presented photos of several ongoing projects and other events including construction of the new Elections Office and the Bethlehem Branch Library, the Dental Office Grand Opening Ceremony, and the Brunswick County Jail facility which was toured by members of the Jail Committee on September 29, 2006. Mr. French stated that the Jail Committee would be meeting on October 12, 2006 to select an architect for the jail project to be recommended to the Board.
- D. A letter has been received from Linda Mundy, Elections Director, informing staff that the old Wittenburg Elementary School gym / cafeteria would be used for the Taylorsville 1 Precinct on November 7, 2006 from 6:00 AM until after the polls close at 7:30 PM.
- E. A letter has been received from Denise Elder, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, requesting the use of the courthouse lawn during the Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2006.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes from the September 25, 2006 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.
- B. 2007-2009 Work First Grant Plan for Alexander County.
- C. Tax Release Requests for September \$2,041.72 and Tax Refund Requests for September \$1,613.99.

Commissioner Keever made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 4, 5, & 6) TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE  
OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
CONTRACTUAL, & PERSONNEL**

Chairman Yoder made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:40 PM to prevent the disclosure of confidential information and to discuss economic development, contractual matters, and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 4, 5, & 6). Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Bolick made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Keever seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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Larry G. Yoder, Chairman

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Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board